



**ST. JOHN'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Loves, serves and worships with **PASSION**

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**A Stephen Ministry Church**

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**October 1, 2017**

**UNIFYING ST. JOHN'S  
THROUGH SERVICE**

*Let each of you look not only to  
your own interest, but also to  
the interests of others.*

*Philippians 2:4*

**Unifying St. John's through  
service** is the slogan for the  
2018 Missions Impact  
Celebration, January 27-28.



With service in mind, the church will focus on our local partners: ACTS, Christ Central, Grace Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, Jack Meeks Wheelchair Ramp Ministry, Joseph's Coat, Life Choices, Sand River Salkehatchie, and Stand at the Crossroads.

By popular demand **Saturday of Service** will return on Saturday, January 27. The goal is to give back to each of these local partners either with hands on projects or by collecting and organizing tangible articles which will be personally delivered to various agencies. So whether you can hammer, clean, rake, sort, pack, or deliver, there will be a place for YOU "for even the son of man came not to be served but to serve". (Mark 10:45).

On Sunday, January 28, the theme of unity will be continued with one worship service at 10:30 am. We will come together in the sanctuary to turn in our Faith Promise cards and enjoy a service that will blend both the traditional and the contemporary styles of worship. After the service, there will be an opportunity to fellowship together during our Celebration Lunch.

More details will be presented at each of the worship services on November 19 and December 10 so you will have ample time to decide how you want to participate in this exciting all-church event. Also, keep your eyes on the Church Bulletin and News for additional information.

Most importantly, *mark your calendars!* You don't want to miss this great opportunity to serve...to actually be God's hands and his feet.

**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** will be Sunday, October 22. If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like some more information about the church, please contact Midge Rothrock in the church office (803-648-6891).



**October 1, 2017**  
God Floods the Earth  
Genesis 7-8;9:8-16

We can count on God's promises.

The Grove - Sunday 6 pm (5K-6th)  
Wednesday - Alleluia Choir - 4 pm  
Joy Choir - 4:15



**Oct. 1, 2017**

Supper & SNY - 6 pm  
Confirmation - 6 pm  
Youth Choir - 5 pm in the Choir Room

BBB Tuesday - 7 am - Atlantic Bread  
HS Girls Bible Study Tuesday - 4 pm  
HS Guys Wednesday - 7 am - Bojangles  
Brotherhood Wednesday - 7 pm

**St. John's Missions News**



Reverends Mike & Sherri Morrissey are our mission partners in Thailand where only 0.5% of the people are Christian. They are bringing Christ's love and grace to the Thai people. Churches are being planted and children are being helped.

**Please pray for this St. John's mission partner.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Oct. 1** - Confirmation classes begin  
**Oct. 12** - Potluck Supper with Maynor Castillo  
**Oct. 15** - Matthew LeCroy guest speaker at 9:02 service  
**Oct. 22** - New Member Sunday  
**Oct. 29** - Trunk or Treat  
**Nov. 4** - Applefest  
**Nov. 7** - Charge Conference  
**Dec. 17** - Christmas Cantata (8:30 & 11)  
**Dec. 24** - Worship services (9:02 & 11)  
**Dec. 24** - Christmas Eve services (5,7,11)  
**Dec. 31** - Church-wide communion & Wesley Covenant Service  
**Jan. 27** - Saturday of Service

## WELCOME VISITORS!

The members of St. John's welcome you, no matter who you are, where you come from or why you are here. We are Christ's people and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to return often.

### Announcements

*We have several vases available on the Flower Calendar. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please take a look at the book in the narthex or call the church office for availability.*

**GriefShare will meet Wednesday, September 27, at 4 pm in The Faith Center, Room 214. Call Rev. Nancy for more information.**

Sign-ups for **Youth Church Basketball** are currently open for those ages 5-18 as of 9/1/17. The cost is \$35 per player with an additional \$30 out-of-city fee, if applicable. To register send an email with a subject line of "Basketball Registration Info" to [sjumcbasketball@yahoo.com](mailto:sjumcbasketball@yahoo.com) and details will be sent to you. **Sign-ups conclude on 10/8/17.** Call or text Andrew Parker @ (803)295-2243 if you do not have email.



**St. John's Shepherd of Love ministry will meet Wednesday, October 4 at 4:30 pm in Room 116.**

**JOY** will resume on Monday, Oct. 2 at 10 am in Ward Hall. If you have never attended one of these events, come and give it a try. Everyone always seems to have a great time! There will be food, fellowship, laughter and some fun thinking games. Reservations NOT required. Call Zenith Sharpe at 803-648-1268 for more information.

### Wednesday Night Supper 10/4/2017 Menu

Baked Pork Chops, Creamed Potatoes, Carrot & Raisin Salad,  
Apple Crisp with Ice Cream

Remember to make your reservations prior to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 3. Reservations may be made by calling the church office or filling out a reservation card located in the pew racks or chair backs.

The new reservation cards now have a place to request take-out meals.

Adult meal prices are \$8.00 this year.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,450,801.04  
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,337,128.31  
Year to date variance: \$ 113,672.73

*We thank you for your generous support of the ministries of St. John's!*

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover \$ 10,357.64  
Year to date offerings for what God is asking us to do in missions: \$ 119,460.57  
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ 111,270.00

*We thank you for your generous support to the missions of St. John's!*

Previous Loan Balance \$ 610,200.00  
9/20/17 Loan Payment \$ 2,800.00  
Current Load Balance \$ 607,400.00

### News of the Family

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 8:30 service is **Owen William Poole**. Owen is the son of **Stephen & Mandy Poole**.

### Our congratulations to:

**Alan & Erin Miniard** on the birth of their daughter, **Penley Anne Miniard** on Sept. 21 in Cary, NC. Proud grandparents are **Tom & Diane Miniard**.

### Our sympathy to

**Ruth Marsh** on the loss of her son, **Charles Thomas (Chuck) Marsh, Jr.** on Aug. 27 in Western North Carolina.

**Callie & Jonathan Cook** on the loss of Callie's mother, **Judy Susanna Pierre** on Sept. 21 here in Aiken.

**Leland & Kathy Reynolds** on the loss of Leland's father, **Harry Graham (H.G.) Reynolds** on Sept. 21 in Trenton, SC. He was grandfather to **Ryan Reynolds** and **Anna Reynolds**.

St. John's former member and youth counselor, **Robert Squyres** passed away on August 14 in Little Rock, AR. Memorials may be made to the Robert Squyres Scholarship Fund at Regions Bank.

### CHURCH HOSTS

#### Hosts the week of Oct. 1, 2017

Sunday AM	Frank Smith
EVENING	
Sunday	Jeff Crenshaw
Monday	Don Hayes
Tuesday	Kevin Buchanan
Wednesday	Jim Shaver
Thursday	Brent Boore
Friday	Joel Ray
Saturday	Jim McNulty



October  
Pasta

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center

### Attendance

9/24/17

8:30 137

9:02 317

11:00 440

Total 894

# Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

## GREETING AND WELCOME

### PRELUDE

**Trumpet Tune in D**

David N. Johnson

*Let us silence all cell phones and quiet our voices as we give our attention to the presence of God in our midst.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 618

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

*Let Us Break Bread*

### OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious Lord, you are a God of compassion and love. Time after time we have experienced your care and provision. Time after time you have answered our prayers and met our needs—often in ways we could never have dreamed possible. We praise you for your faithful love toward us. Because we have known your love, we come to you with confidence, offering our prayers for the world that you love. Give us courage to follow faithfully, and with integrity—with actions that bear witness to the words we speak, and worship that overflows into our daily tasks and relationships—so that our lives will bring glory and honor to you, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM p. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of **God Claims You** #2249 (Faith We Sing) using the name Owen*

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

**Matthew 21:23–32**

### SERMON

**Lexophilia**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

**The Apostles' Creed**

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## CONGREGATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

## RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMANDS

### OFFERTORY

**There is a Fountain**

*Helvey*

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.  
If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. Pass the pad down the row to others.  
When the pad reaches the end of the row, please pass it back so we may learn each other's names.*

### \*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION...p. 12

*For the Great Thanksgiving we will use musical setting C for our responses...p. 20*

*Response 1*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

*Response 2*

*Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

*Response 3*

*Amen, amen, amen, amen.*

### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 467

**Trust and Obey**

*Trust and Obey*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

**Menuet**

*Leon Boellman*

**\*Please stand, as able.**

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# Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

## GREETING

## PRELUDE

**Trumpet Tune in D**

*David N. Johnson*

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Be Present at Our Table, Lord**

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## PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

## OFFERTORY

**How Can I Keep From Singing?**

*Nestor*

*You may refer to the words on page 2212 in The Faith We Sing*

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.*

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## DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Old Hundredth*

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 628 (Sing three times) Eat This Bread

*Berthier*

*Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the chapel.*

*Thank you to the choir members who also participate in the 8:30 Sunrise Choir and are now leaving.*

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**Response 2**      **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Response 3**      **Amen, amen, amen, amen.**

*Communion music provided by Betsy Wilson-Mahoney, Chuck Carver, Lisa Bernard-Tharp, Patrick Boylan, and Catherine Nance*

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 99

**My Tribute**

*My Tribute*

*Diane Miniard will sing the introduction verse and the congregation will respond with the words of on page 99*

## BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** boxes are now available! You may pick them up from outside Michelle Pearson's or Stephanie Lord's office. Please take as many as you would like to fill. If you need help putting them together, don't hesitate to ask one of the staff to assist. The labels and brochures are located on the tables near the boxes. The brochures list suggested items to put in your box and specifies items that can not be included. Once you have them filled with gifts for kids all over the world, you should return them to the church.

**The deadline to drop off filled boxes is Sunday, November 12.**

### UMW Circle Meetings for October

- Tue. Oct. 10** Circle 6 - 12:30 pm - Ward Hall 1  
 Circle 9 - 12:30 pm - Ward Hall 2 & 3  
 RSVP to Becky Robbins 803-643-8441 or 803-640-0457  
 lunch cost \$10, please bring cash  
 Circle 11 - 10:00 am - Parlor  
 Circle 10 - 2:00 pm - UMW Room
- Wed. Oct. 11** Circle 1 - 1:00 pm - Jeanette Isaacson's  
 705 Winged Foot Drive
- Mon. Oct. 16** Circle 3 - 2:00 pm - Parlor
- Tue. Oct. 17** Circle 8 - 7:00 pm - UMW Room
- Wed. Oct. 18** Circle 7 - 6:00 pm - Room 116

### **COFFEE HOUSE CLEAN UP HELP NEEDED!**

Current primary need: an individual or group to assist with clean up (after 9:02 and after Sunday School or 11 Service) on 1st and 4th Sundays.

It usually takes about 10-15 minutes after 9:02 and about 20-30 minutes to clean up outside of Ward Hall at anytime after 10:45.

Please call **Lisa Taylor (803-309-5910)** to volunteer or for more information.

It would be a shame to have to stop having those wonderful scones and coffee for lack of a few volunteers.



**SUNNY MONDAY** will meet on October 9. The program, presented by Aiken Public Safety will be Home Security for the Holidays and will begin at 10:30 am in The Faith Center.

Following the program, lunch will be served in Ward Hall. The program is free and the lunch is \$4.00.

**MENU:** Crunchy chicken salad, fruit salad, croissant, and cinnamon cake.

Please call the church at 803-648-6891 to make your reservation.

On Thurs., Oct. 12, at 6:00 pm the Missions Leadership Team will host a covered dish supper in honor of Maynor Castillo, a missionary from Honduras, and his family. The dinner will include a celebration of his daughter, Arleth's, 4th birthday. Come, bring a side dish to share (entrée and dessert provided), and learn more about our mission partner, the Honduras Agape Foundation, and what's happening there. To ensure adequate amounts of entrée and dessert are available, please call the church to make them aware of your plans to attend.



The October selection for the book club is ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*** by William Kamkwamba. This book is a true account of an enterprising African teenager who constructed a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his entire community. The author was born in Malawi, a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery.

Pick up a copy of this engaging book and plan to join them on October 16 for discussion.

### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**8:30** – Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Music Director & Organist-Christopher Nash

**9:02** – Dr. Tim McClendon; Worship Leader-Harry Sampson; Music-Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

**11:00** - Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Music Director-Catherine Stapleton Nance; Organist-Christopher Nash

Crucifer-Palmer Rowan; Acolytes-Ben Bowers and Caroline Bowers

October Worship Support-Debbie Alvanos, Jane Fogel, Marsha Mikes, and Sandra Shelley



*Psalm 9:02  
I will be glad and rejoice in You;  
I will sing praises to Your name,  
O Most High.*

**October 1, 2017**

**Gathering**

**Just As I Am**

*C. Elliot*

**Greeting and Announcements**

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**Song of Praise**

**Lord, You Are Good**

*I. Houghton*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We Believe**

*Newsboys*

**Children's Sermon**

**Harry Sampson**

**Pastoral and Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

**Offering**

**The Well**

*Casting Crowns*

**Scripture**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

**Sermon**

**Lexophilia**

**Dr. Tim McClendon**

**Celebration of Holy Communion**

**Closing Song**

**Lay Your Burdens Down**

*R. Long*

**Benediction**

**Sending Forth**